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## Letter from George Sibley to John C. Calhoun, September 1, 1820

George Champlin Sibley

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I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 23<sup>d</sup> of July last, in relation to the murder of two men of the Little Osage Nation, which took place in Howard County, on the 23<sup>d</sup> of July last, between a small party of Osages and some citizens of the U. S. headed by a person by the name of Martin Farmer, the particulars of which I communicated to Mr. McKenney on the 28<sup>th</sup> July, with the request that they should be laid before you. --

In the course of the measures I thought it proper to pursue to quiet the Osages and to prevent any further bloodshed (which I am happy to believe I have at length affected) the

I am, Sir,  
 Your obedient servant,  
 Wm. H. Harrison  
 Major General  
 U. S. Army  
 Fort Osage

Received at the  
 Office of the  
 Secretary of War  
 Washington  
 1. Sep. 1820

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F<sup>t</sup>. Osage 1<sup>t</sup>. Sep<sup>r</sup>. 1820.

Sir,

I deem it my duty to inform you that two men of the Little Osage Nation were killed in an affray which took place in this neighborhood, in Howard County, on the 23<sup>d</sup> of July last, between a Small Party of Osages and Some Citizens of the U. S. headed by a person by the name of Martin Farmer, the particulars of which I communicated to Mr. McKenney on the 28<sup>th</sup> July, with the Request that they Sh<sup>d</sup>. be laid before you. --

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Osages were Reminded of the 2<sup>d</sup> Stipulation in the 9<sup>th</sup> Article of their Treaty with the U. S. which I have officially assured them would be faithfully observed on the part of the Gov<sup>t</sup> --- It has occurred to me that in the political Commotion now existing in this Terr<sup>y</sup> and the Consequent changes of office &<sup>c</sup> this Osage Affair may be overlooked and neglected -- I have therefore thought it Right to address myself to you direct, in order that proper measures may be taken to investigate the Matter agreeably to the terms of the Osage Treaty.

Respectfully &<sup>c</sup>

G. C. Sibley

The Hon. J. C. Calhoun Esq<sup>r</sup>  
Sec. Dep<sup>t</sup> of War  
Washington City



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